

College Couple Say Wedding Vows

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Two Eastbay young people whose names are of note in the world of sports exchanged their wedding vows last Sunday in Berkeley's Progressive Baptist Church.

Pat Diana Meneweather is the daughter of the Earl W. Meneweathers of Balr Drive, El Cerrito. Mr. Meneweather, who gave his daughter in marriage, is McClymonds High School football coach. Humboldt State College, where Pat is a sophomore, a few years ago honored him at their Homecoming celebration with an award as the school's all-time outstanding athlete.

The bridegroom is Vester Lee Flanagan son of the Major Flanagans of 16th St., Oakland, and a senior at Humboldt State. A football and track star at McClymonds, his sports prowess in college has earned listing twice on the Little All-American football team; twice all-Far Western Conference, and All-Coast second team in 1960. He holds the Far Western Conference record in the javelin.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards

officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, for which the bride wore a traditionally styled dress of white lace over tulle. A Juliet cap held her elbow-length illusion veil.

Linda Lutkin of San Francisco was maid of honor, and the quartet of bridesmaids included Leona Dones, Zorita Donnelly, Diana Collins and Sandra Rice. Their dresses, styled with petal overskirts, were made of tangerine organza, and they carried cascades of begonias of the same hue.

Raymond Fleming Jr. was best man. Ushers were Ronald Meneweather, a brother of the bride; Raymond Espana, Dale Rubin and John Banchemo.

Guests were received at the Cerrito City Club. The bride's mother wore peacock blue chiffon with matching accessories, and the benedict's mother was in pale blue lace with bone hued accessories.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Carmel, and will live in Arcata while continuing their college studies.

These are the Raiders' ninth, and 10th announced signings with at least five more to be announced as clearances are issued. Additionally, the Chargers' running back Bo Roberson was announced yesterday as the first of four players to join Oakland in the trade for negotiating rights to Arkansas star Lance Alworth.

Meanwhile, Saskatchewan announced the signing of tackle Vester Flanagan, 6-4, 250 pounder from Oakland and Humboldt State. Flanagan, drafted as a redshirt by both Green Bay of the NFL and Denver of the AFL, prepped at McClymonds High and is married to Pat Meneweather, daughter of McClymond's coach, Earl Meneweather.

Other pro signings announced today include:

San Diego — Tackle John Denvir, Colorado.

Buffalo—Quarterback Manchester Wheeler and halfback Dave Cloutier, Maine.

Baltimore—Linebacker Bill Saul, Penn State.

Flanagan's Road to Fame

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Upon graduation from McClymonds High School, Vester Flanagan had no thoughts about attending college.

Despite a standout season on a mediocre football team, Flanagan short-sightedly felt the road to financial security did not include four more years spent at an institution of higher education.

Fortunately, Flanagan's future father-in-law changed his mind. As a result, he will join charter member Earl Meneweather in the Humboldt State University athletic hall of fame tomorrow.

"One only had to be associated with this young man on the field of athletics to know that one day he would attain a high level of athletic success," recalls Meneweather, now special assistant to the president and ombudsman at Humboldt State.

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"My first contact with him was when he turned out for football in 1957," says the former McClymonds coach. "He displayed the discipline, vigor, attitude and intensity that a coach loves to see."

But even Meneweather, the first inductee into HSU's athletic hall, could not foresee the heights to which his protege would rise.

Flanagan enrolled at Humboldt as a 5-foot-11, 180-pounder. He graduated as a 6-4, 272-pound All-American tackle.

"I guess you could say I was sorta manufactured by (coach) Phil Sarboe and (trainer) Ced Kinzer," he says today. "They put me on food and weight training programs."

Flanagan's varsity career spanned 1957-60. In 1959 he was named offensive tackle on the NAIA All-District as well as the Far Western Conference first teams.

After Humboldt's 10-0 regular season the following year the Associated Press selected him for its Little All-America and All-Coast teams, and he was named to the NAIA All-America squad. Needless to say, he was also All-FWC.

"Although I felt Vester would have a successful athletic career, I did not anticipate how much he would mature, nor the intensity he would display, playing the game of football," Meneweather says.

"What a pleasure it was to watch him pull out of the line and block opposing linemen."

Flanagan also competed for the track team, once setting a HSU javelin record of 212 feet.

Following his senior year of football he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers, Denver of the then American Football League and Saskatchewan. The Canadian team made the best offer, but Flanagan says he had to give up a professional career and return home when his father suffered a stroke.

"Al Davis tried to get me to play for the Raiders, but I got a job as a teacher and forgot about it."

He taught physical education for three years and

every good news fan wanted to be.

"I heard on the radio they were having a celebration and I asked my mommy if we could come, and she said 'okay,'" said Tami, who has one leg totally encased in a cast as the result of being hit by a car in August.

It was bedlam at the city center as Manager Sparky Anderson and the Reds took turns at the microphone.

"No matter what happens after this, I don't know if anything can top winning the series," said Johnny Bench.

The fans, like the Reds, had been frustrated in the past by near misses. They failed to win the Series in 1970 and 1972 and again stumbled in 1973 against the Mets in the National League playoffs.

"When I came here it was a disappointment that I couldn't bring the championship here the first year," said Joe Morgan after drawing one of the largest ovations from the crowd.

"It was certainly worth the wait," added the Oaklander who decided the whole thing with a bloop single in the ninth inning Wednesday night at Boston's Fenway Park.

Standing with his wife and two children, Pete Rose, the Series' MVP, held up his hands to speak and then was silent for a moment.

"It's been a long time coming for me."

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worked five years with the emotionally disturbed, an experience he calls "very rewarding."

Following a stint as counselor and dean of boys at Polytechnic High, Flanagan became dean of student activities at City College of San Francisco. Having completed 134 units above his Bachelor of Arts degree, his future plans include a doctorate.

"I'm just thrilled," said Meneweather. "He's come so far from where he started. He's certainly a bonafide member of the Hall of Fame."